

Amendments to the Claims

1. (original) A method of preparing a recommendation to be accessed by a user comprising the steps of:

providing a sparse ratings matrix;

forming a plurality of data structures representing said sparse ratings matrix;

forming a runtime recommendation model from said plurality of data structures;

determining a recommendation from said runtime recommendation model in response to a request from a user; and

providing said recommendation to said user.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising calculating a unary multiplicity voting recommendation from said runtime recommendation model.

3. (original) The method claim 1 further comprising calculating a non-unary multiplicity voting recommendation from said runtime recommendation model.

4. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein said set step of calculating a unary multiplicity voting recommendation comprises calculating an anonymous recommendation.

5. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein said set step of calculating a unary multiplicity voting recommendation comprises calculating a personalized recommendation.

6. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein said set step of calculating a non-unary multiplicity voting recommendation comprises calculating an anonymous recommendation.

7. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein said set step of calculating a non-unary multiplicity voting recommendation comprises calculating a personalized recommendation.

8. (original) The method of claim 1,
wherein said step of forming a runtime recommendation model from said plurality of data structures comprises:

mapping said sparse ratings matrix into a plurality of sub-space ratings matrix;

wherein said mapping step comprises multiplying said ratings matrix by a mappings matrix between said ratings matrix and a plurality of categories; and wherein each of said sub-space ratings matrices corresponds to one of said plurality of categories.

9. (withdrawn) A method of preparing a recommendation to be accessed by a user comprising the steps of:

providing a sparse ratings matrix;

banding said sparse ratings matrix;

distributing said banded sparse ratings matrix to a plurality of computing nodes,
wherein each of said computing nodes generates an output;

forming a runtime recommendation model from said output of said plurality of computing nodes;

determining a recommendation from said runtime recommendation model in response to a request from a user; and

providing said recommendation to said user.

10. (withdrawn) A method of preparing a recommendation to be accessed by a user comprising the steps of:

providing a sparse ratings matrix;

striping said sparse ratings matrix;;

distributing said striped sparse ratings matrix to a plurality of computing nodes, wherein each of said computing nodes generates an output;

forming a runtime recommendation model from said output of said plurality of computing nodes;

forming a runtime recommendation model from said plurality of sub-space ratings matrix;

determining a recommendation from said runtime recommendation model in response to a request from a user; and

providing said recommendation to said user.

11. (original) A method of preparing a recommendation to be accessed by a user comprising the steps of:

providing a sparse ratings matrix;

providing an update ratings data structure;

forming a plurality of data structures representing said sparse ratings matrix;

forming a runtime recommendation model from said plurality of data structures and said update ratings data structure;

determining a recommendation from said runtime recommendation model in response to a request from a user; and

providing said recommendation to said user.

12. (original) The method of claim 11 further comprising calculating a unary multiplicity voting recommendation from said runtime recommendation model.

13. (original) The method of claim 11 further comprising calculating a non-unary multiplicity voting recommendation from said runtime recommendation model.

14. (original) The method of claim 12 wherein said set step of calculating a unary multiplicity voting recommendation comprises calculating an anonymous recommendation.

15. (original) The method of claim 12 wherein said set step of calculating a unary multiplicity voting recommendation comprises calculating a personalized recommendation.

16. (original) The method of claim 13 wherein said set step of calculating a non-unary multiplicity voting recommendation comprises calculating an anonymous recommendation.

17. (original) The method of claim 13 wherein said set step of calculating a non-unary multiplicity voting recommendation comprises calculating a personalized recommendation.

18. (original) The method of claim 11, further comprising
mapping said sparse ratings matrix into a plurality of sub-space ratings matrix;
wherein said mapping step comprises multiplying said ratings matrix by a
mapping matrix between said ratings matrix and a plurality of categories; and wherein
each of said sub-space ratings matrices corresponding to one of said plurality of
categories.

19. (currently amended) ~~A method of preparing a recommendation to be accessed by a user comprising the steps of:~~ The method of claim 1, wherein forming a runtime recommendation model from a plurality of data structures, comprises:

~~providing a sparse ratings matrix;~~
~~forming a plurality of data structures representing said sparse ratings matrix;~~
forming a first recommendation model from said plurality of data structures; and
perturbing said first recommendation model to generate a runtime recommendation model $[[;]]$.

~~determining a recommendation from said runtime recommendation model in response to a request from a user; and~~

~~providing said recommendation to said user.~~

20 - 26. (cancelled).

27. (currently amended) ~~A method of preparing a recommendation to be accessed by a user comprising the steps of:~~ The method of claim 1, wherein forming a runtime recommendation model from a plurality of data structures, comprises:

~~providing a sparse ratings matrix;~~
~~forming a plurality of data structures representing said sparse ratings matrix;~~
forming a first recommendation model from said plurality of data structures;
truncating said first recommendation model to generate a runtime recommendation model $[[;]]$.

~~determining a recommendation from said runtime recommendation model in response to a request from a user; and~~

~~providing said recommendation to said user.~~

28 - 34. (cancelled).

35. (withdrawn) A method of preparing a recommendation to be accessed by a user comprising the steps of:

providing a first ratings matrix;

providing a second ratings matrix;

forming a runtime recommendation model from a cross-set of co-occurrences of said first ratings matrix and said second ratings matrix;

calculating a recommendation from said runtime recommendation model in response to a request from a user; and

providing said recommendation to said user.